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10/780,352

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February 17, 2004

Group Art Unit

3727

Examiner Name

(Not Yet Assigned)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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ATTACHMENT TO A CARRYING STRAP

(Title of the Invention)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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**DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application****Claim for Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s)**

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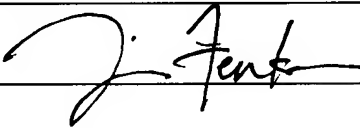
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## STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Timm J. Fenton

Application No./Patent No.: 10/780,352 Filed/Issue Date: February 17, 2004

Entitled: ATTACHMENT TO A CARRYING STRAP

TUMI, INC., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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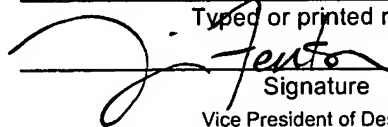
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